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Dear Ms. Krent:

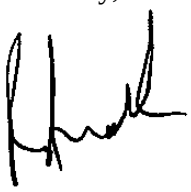
This letter is our final response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 19, 2020, assigned #20-00979-FOIA.

We located 629 pages of responsive records(100 pages released in full, 362 withheld in full and 167 released in part). This response includes records previously released to you. After a careful review of these pages, some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 Exemptions 5 and 6.

The records withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative, and do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. Examples of information withheld include the internal discussions and the draft document regarding the "draft CDC Communication and Media Strategy for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Response". Additionally, some White House records have been withheld under the Presidential Communications Privilege.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, such as email addresses for White House staff. We have determined that the individual(s) to whom this information pertains has a substantial privacy interest in withholding it.

Sincerely,



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